

ANTI-CENSORSHIP LEADER IS SOUGHT

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Colby.

The group of motion picture producers which is aiming to reorganize, if not to supplant, the National Association of the Motion Picture Industry are still seeking a leader to head the new movement. Among those named as likely to be called upon to fill the post are Herbert Hoover, Bainbridge Colby, John H. Finley and George McAneny. One of the principal reasons for this new "captain of the movie industry" is a desire for a man who will lead them in the fight against film censorship, particularly at the next session of the Legislature at Albany.

The new group has been seeking to strengthen its bonds of fellowship with exhibitors, who have not generally been considered hitherto as the closest friends of the producers. But the aim of the film makers, it is generally believed in movie circles, is to exert political pressure through the strong local affiliations of the exhibitors.

At the Famous Players-Lasky and the Goldwyn offices it was said yesterday that these film companies have not suffered materially from censorship in this State so far. Goldwyn has had one picture totally suppressed by the State Motion Picture Commission, but it is practically alone in this. Most of the big film companies boast that their product has always been of the type that could pass a censorship board. But they declare that it is the implied threat of possible elimination of scenes that is slowing up their production while they deliberate each step carefully, and they assert they are impelled to make many of their productions weak for fear of unforeseen interference.

Charles Ray, who turns out his own pictures, sums it up by stating that by the time a producer has carefully provided against every possible angle of objection according to the varying standards of the different censorship bodies all over the country there's nothing left of his picture to speak of.

Members of the Theater Owners Chamber of Commerce, comprising 90 per cent. of the movie producers in the city, have undertaken a bit of censorship on their own account. They declare that Fred K. Beauvais's film, "The Lonely Trail," starring the halfbreed guide prominent in the Stillman divorce case, will not be shown in any of their houses, although the State Motion Picture Commission passed that photodrama of the north woods.

'I AM GOING TO DIE,' HE SAID, AND HE DID

Jersey Man Succumbs While
Holding Friend's Hand.

John F. Otterbein, former Supervisor and Freeholder of Essex county, had been talking with Thomas Luciano, a friend, for more than an hour in his bedroom at 404 Valley road, West Orange, yesterday, when suddenly he reached out his hand to his caller:

"Good-by, I'm going to die," he said.

While Luciano still held his hand Otterbein dropped back against his pillow, dead.

Otterbein was 59 years old. For more than a year he had suffered from diabetes, and in recent weeks had not left his home, though not confined to his bed or room. In this time he had several heart attacks. This morning he decided to spend the day in bed. Death was due to heart failure superinduced by his other complaint.

Otterbein was born in Orange and lived here all his life. He was in the hay and grain business for years. In 1896 he was elected to the Board of Freeholders of Essex county and re-elected until 1904. In 1908 he was elected County Supervisor, serving one term. He is survived by three sisters and one brother.

DR. LORENZ GETS MANY CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Will Spend Day With Friends
on Long Island.

Dr. Adolf Lorenz received many Christmas presents yesterday from his personal friends, members of the medical profession and parents of children who have been treated by him. Among those who sent presents were Dr. Jacob Sobel, assistant director of the bureau of child hygiene of the Health Department, and Dr. Franklin B. Van Wart, orthopedic surgeon of Kings County Hospital, who have been assisting Dr. Lorenz at his clinic.

Dr. Lorenz will spend to-day and tomorrow with friends on Long Island. His next clinic will be held Wednesday morning at the Brooklyn building of the Health Department.

PACKERS SAY PLANTS OPERATE; STRIKE LOST

Offer Proof in Decline of
Prices in Meats.

The six meat packing houses in which a strike was called two weeks ago are now operating at almost normal capacity and have more men than are needed, according to a statement issued yesterday. As proof of the ineffectiveness of the strike the Institute of American Packers, representing the "Big Five" plants, points to the decline in wholesale and retail meat prices that has occurred during the last week.

The weekly market review of the United States Department of Agriculture explains the fall in prices by the fact that retailers and speculators are stocked up with supplies in anticipation of the strike until the market became flooded. The department urges the consumer to take advantage of the low prices by using more meat.

CROWD WATCHES FIRE.

Bedford Avenue Traffic Held Up by
Two Alarm Blaze.

Fire burned out the top floor of the four story brick and stucco building at 1219-1221 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, occupied by Bishop, McCormick & Bishop, Inc., automobile agents, yesterday. Two alarms were sounded and the fire was confined to the floor where it started. That floor was occupied by the concern's printing shop.

Some damage was done by water on the three floors below, but it is believed the twenty-five or thirty automobiles in the second and first floors were protected by the coverings put on them by insurance patrol men.

A large crowd gathered and the heavy automobile traffic on Bedford avenue was held up.

POWER PLANT OPENED.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ontario, Dec. 24.—Water was turned into the Chippewa-Queenston power canal of the Ontario Hydro-Electric commission at 4 o'clock this morning. The development of power at the Queenston generating plant will begin next Wednesday. Construction work has been in progress on the power project since 1914.

Daily Calendar THE WEATHER.

For Eastern New York — Unsettled and colder to-day, to-morrow fair, fresh possibly strong northeast and north winds.

For New Jersey—Cloudy and much colder to-day, unsettled this morning; to-morrow fair, fresh to strong northeast and north winds.

For Northern New England—Generally fair and colder to-day; to-morrow fair, with rising temperature, moderate to fresh northeast and north winds becoming variable.

For Southern New England—Cloudy and colder to-day; probably snow this morning; to-morrow fair, fresh strong northeast and north winds.

For Western New York—Cloudy and colder to-day; to-morrow fair, with rising temperature.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Pressure continued high off the south Atlantic to-day, and it was high and rising from the plains States eastward, except in the middle Atlantic States, where it was relatively low. Rain has fallen within the last twenty-four hours in southern New England, the middle Atlantic States, the Ohio Valley, Tennessee, the Gulf States and in California and Nevada, and snow in northern New England, the lake region, the upper Mississippi and middle Missouri valleys and the northern Rocky Mountain region. The rainfall was excessive in the Ohio and lower Mississippi valleys.

Much colder weather overpowered the lake region, the great central valleys and west Gulf States last night and to-day, and the temperature was freezing as far south as Memphis, Tennessee and Abilene, Tex., to-night.

High temperature prevailed to-day in the middle Atlantic and south Atlantic States, the northern Rocky Mountain region, North Dakota and Canadian Northwest.

The indications are for rain in Florida and along the south Atlantic coast, and mostly fair weather but with considerable cloudiness elsewhere east of the Mississippi River to-morrow, with considerably lower temperature generally, except in Michigan. The weather will be generally fair in the States east of the Mississippi River Monday, and the temperature will continue low in the Atlantic and east Gulf States, but it will rise in the lake region and the Ohio and the lower Mississippi valleys.

Observations at United States Weather Bureau stations taken at 8 P. M. yesterday, seventy-fifth meridian time:	
Stations.	High. Low. meter. hrs. Weather.
Abilene.....	34 24 30.48 .. Pt. Cldy
Albany.....	42 30 30.16 .. Cloudy
Atlantic City..	54 42 30.02 .. Cloudy
Baltimore.....	48 40 30.00 .. Cloudy
Bismarck.....	8 18 30.28 .. Clear
Boston.....	36 30 30.19 .. 11 Sleet
Buffalo.....	28 20 30.10 .. 04 Snow
Cincinnati....	40 32 30.28 .. 01 Cloudy
Charleston....	70 60 30.16 .. Pt. Cldy
Chicago.....	30 22 30.40 .. 12 Snow
Cleveland....	20 10 30.24 .. 40 Snow
Denver.....	38 4 30.32 .. Clear
Detroit.....	28 22 30.32 .. 02 Cloudy
Galveston....	44 30 30.26 .. 28 Cloudy
Helena.....	14 2 30.20 .. Clear
Jackonville..	38 28 30.18 .. Clear
Kansas City..	16 10 30.54 .. Clear
Los Angeles..	58 50 30.06 .. Cloudy
Milwaukee....	18 10 30.46 .. 01 Cloudy
New Orleans..	80 66 30.08 .. Pt. Cldy
Oklahoma....	22 12 30.54 .. Clear
Philadelphia..	44 38 30.04 .. 01 Cloudy
Pittsburgh...	36 32 30.18 .. 18 Rain
Portland, Me..	32 26 30.22 .. 12 Snow
Portland, Ore.	50 30 30.19 .. Cloudy
Salt Lake City	38 30 30.08 .. Cloudy
San Antonio..	60 42 30.24 .. Cloudy
San Diego....	62 48 30.02 .. Cloudy
San Francisco	54 50 30.02 .. Rain
Seattle.....	38 34 30.10 .. Cloudy
St. Louis....	20 10 30.48 .. Snow
St. Paul.....	22 14 30.48 .. Clear
Washington...	60 44 30.98 .. Cloudy

LOCAL WEATHER RECORDS.	
	8 A. M. 8 P. M.
Barometer.....	29.45 29.06
Humidity.....	81 89
Wind-direction ..	N.W.
Wind-velocity ..	3 12
Weather.....	Cloudy Rain
Precipitation ..	0.04
The temperature is this city yesterday, as recorded by the official thermometer, is shown in the annexed table:	
8 A. M.....	36 1 P. M..... 36 6 P. M..... 20
9 A. M.....	36 2 P. M..... 39 7 P. M..... 30
10 A. M.....	38 3 P. M..... 38 8 P. M..... 28
11 A. M.....	37 4 P. M..... 38 9 P. M..... 27
12 M.....	37 5 P. M..... 40 10 P. M..... 37
1921. 1920.	1921. 1920.
8 A. M.....	36 28 6 P. M..... 30
12 M.....	37 30 9 P. M..... 37 32
3 P. M.....	38 50 12 Mid..... 38 31
Highest temperature, 45, at 4 A. M.	
Lowest temperature, 33, at 2 A. M.	
Average temperature, 38.	

EVENTS TO-DAY.

"On Christmas Eve" story hours for children conducted by Anne C. Chandler, Metropolitan Museum of Art, 2 and 3 P. M.

Harry Barnard of the New York Community Chorus will conduct special musical exercises at the "Trees of Light," Madison Square, 8 P. M.

New York Lodge, No. 1, B. P. O. E., will distribute baskets and toys at the clubhouse, 108 West Forty-third street, 10:30 A. M. to 6 P. M.

Unemployment Council of New York, meeting, Community Church, Park avenue and Fifty-fourth street, 8 P. M.

"The Inspiration of Sacrifice," literary vespers, Town Hall, 123 West Forty-third street, 5:30 P. M.

Special service of Christmas carols, St. Bartholomew's Church, 105 East Fifty-fifth street, 4:30 P. M.

Feast of dedication will be celebrated at the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society, 425 Lafayette street, 8 P. M.

Reveille Post, No. 127, of the American Legion will visit Fox Hills Hospital, Staten Island, leaving the Battery 10:30 A. M.

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GAS CHARGE UPHELD IN ALL LONG ISLAND

Second District Appellate De-
cision at Odds With Roch-
ester Case.

The fight against the service charges on gas meters authorized by the Public Service Commission became more complicated yesterday when the Appellate Division in Brooklyn upheld the Nassau Supreme Court in refusing to enjoin the Public Service Corporation of Long Island from ordering the charge. Justice Blackmar wrote the opinion, which proved to be in conflict with one rendered by the Appellate Division in Rochester early in November.

The up-State decision was in the case of the City of Rochester against the

Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation and the Public Service Commission jointly. It held that a service charge of forty cents a month was illegal. An injunction restraining the corporation from collecting the rent was issued pending an appeal to the Court of Appeals.

The residents of Westchester county, where the fight against a sixty cent service charge recently has been bitter, and of other counties of the State had taken heart from the Rochester decision, which they interpreted as a victory for them. The Brooklyn decision, it was admitted, will hold up their fight until one of the decisions is approved by the Court of Appeals.

Justices Mills and Rich concurred with Justice Blackmar in the Brooklyn decision, Justices Putnam and Kelly dissenting. The opinion said that the Public Service Commission considered the law as prohibiting direct or indirect rental charges on meters, while the protest have been to the contrary. The court held that rulings of the Public Service Commission are subject to review by certiorari, in which the evidence on which the commission acted can be taken into court.

12 FIREMEN OVERCOME AT 8TH AVENUE FIRE

Fifteen Roomers Escape in
Scanty Attire.

Twelve firemen were overcome by smoke yesterday morning while fighting a blaze in the cellar of a four story building at 408 Eighth avenue. The heat melted gas pipes in the cellar and it was this gas coupled with an acrid smoke created by burning sugar and glucose which got to the firemen, who were compelled to work in relays.

The ground floor of the building was occupied by Gramma's confectionery store and there was a Greek restaurant on the second floor. The two top floors housed fifteen roomers, who were aroused by the fire and fled to the street in scanty attire.

Smoke from the fire seeped into many nearby restaurants causing inconvenience to persons having their breakfast, and into the Pennsylvania Terminal.

Fifth Ave. Stewart & Co. At 37th St. Correct Apparel for Women & Misses

BEGINNING TUESDAY

CLEARANCE SALE WOMEN'S & MISSES' DRESSES

At Emphatic Reductions

Silk and Cloth Dresses

Formerly selling to 39.50

15.00

Fashionable dinner, afternoon and street dresses of Silk Canton Crepe, Crepe Back Satin, Georgette Crepe, Poiret Twill, Tricotine or Wool Jersey. Many trimmed with silk and beaded embroidery in various designs.

Street & Afternoon Dresses

Formerly selling to 69.50

28.00

The season's most approved models in styles for street and semi-formal occasions. Fashioned of Silk Chiffon Velvet, Silk Canton Crepe, Georgette Crepe, Tricotine, Crepe Back Satin, Poiret Twill or Velveteen. Elaborate models richly beaded and embroidered. Also smartly styled models devoid of trimming.

Afternoon & Evening Dresses

Formerly selling to 98.50

48.00

Embracing models for evening, dinner, afternoon and street wear in simple and more elaborate designs. The materials include Silk Chiffon Velvet, Silk Canton Crepe, Crepe Back Satin, Poiret Twill and smart fabric combinations.

Wool Jersey Dresses

Formerly Selling to 18.50

7.50

About 150 smart, practical Wool Jersey dresses in several interesting models. Some with embroidery and others are adorned with kid collars and cuffs.

SHOES REDUCED

Without doubt the greatest values every presented
in custom hand bench-made Shoes

6.75

Formerly Selling to 15.00

Including the smartest models for street and dressy wear. About thirty different styles in a variety of patterns. In Patent Leather, Tan or Black Russia Calf, Black or Brown Suede and various material combinations. One or two strap models with turn or welt soles and Baby French, Spanish, Cuban covered or leather heels. All sizes and widths, collectively, but not in every style.

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Visit the Pageant and Exhibit of the Federation of Jewish Charity,
Hotel Astor, December 26, 27, 28 inclusive. Admission Free.

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CLEARANCE SALE COATS, WRAPS and SUITS At Emphatic Reductions

Ultra Modish Winter Coats

Formerly Selling to 59.50

35.00

Deep collars of Scotch Mole or Nutria fur adorn these warm, comfortable coats and capes of Normandy Bolivia or Cordona. Also smartly tailored coats with throw scarf collars. Ideal for sports and utility wear. Radium Silk or Lustrous Satin lined and interlined.

Richly Fur Trimmed Coats

Formerly Selling to 79.50

48.00

Fashionable straightline and bloused models of Pollyanna, Pannvelaine or Bolivia cloth trimmed with large collars, and some with cuffs, of genuine Beaver, Squirrel, Caracul or Australian Opossum fur. Radium and Canton Crepe Silk lined and heavily interlined.

Squirrel & Beaver Trimmed Coats

Formerly Selling to 149.50

78.00

Extremely large collars of genuine Squirrel, Beaver, Black or Taupe Caracul, Black or Platinum Wolf or Slynx fur trim these modish coats of Marvella, Pannvelaine, Gerona or Andre Superior. Silk lined and interlined.

Exclusive Winter Coats

Formerly Selling to 179.50

95.00

Individualized coats, wraps and capes of Marvella, Kasha Cloth or Gerona, with unusually large collars of Platinum or Black Caracul, Beaver, Squirrel or Monkey fur. Included are various types of the straightline and bloused silhouettes. Also capes with broad fur Tuxedo collars. All beautifully silk lined and heavily interlined.

Fur Trimmed Suits

Formerly Selling from 35.00 to 49.50

18.50

Suits of Velveteen or Duvet de Laine trimmed with attractive collars of Slynx, Kolinsky Squirrel, Mole or Nutria in ripple or straightline models. Silk lined and warmly interlined. A few Tweed suits without fur are included.

Two & Three Piece Suits

Formerly Selling to 112.50

38.00 & 48.00

Smart two and three piece suits of Erminine, Velveteen, Moussyene, Pollyanna or Panvelaine with handsome collars, some with cuffs or borders of Slynx, Mole, Beaver, Nutria, Flying Squirrel, Natural Squirrel, or Caracul fur. Richly silk lined.

Late Exclusive Model Suits

Formerly Selling to 249.50

95.00

Sumptuous suits of rich Moussyene, Erminine, Cashmere, Duvetyn or Gerona composing the season's smartest models and trimmed with collars and cuffs of soft, velvety furs such as Beaver, Lynx, Wolf, Caracul, American Broadtail, Georgette Squirrel or Natural Squirrel. Many are also adorned with braid trimming and beautiful embroidery. Elegantly silk lined.

Smart Trimmed Hats

Regardless of Original Prices

5.00

About 150 hats of Panne or Lyons Velvet and silks, variously trimmed with fashionable ornament. Shown in all the new and wanted colors.

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